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Dear Reviewer,

The Forest Service is considering a categorical exclusion (CE) for the proposed Grizzly Biomass project and we are asking you to provide comments. The proposed action may be categorically excluded from further analysis and documentation under 36 CFR 220.6(e)(13) – salvage of dead and/or dying trees not to exceed 250 acres, requiring no more than ½ mile of temporary road construction.

The Grizzly Biomass project was developed to address the need to provide wood products to local communities. The purpose is to make dead and dying trees available for commercial removal. This project is located within the footprint of the 2015 Grizzly Bear Fire near Long Meadows Guard Station, approximately 13 miles west of Troy, OR. Proposal information is also available on Umatilla National Forest's project webpage at:
<https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56481>.

Comments received within 30 days are assured consideration in the next phase of project planning. The preferred comment submission platform is via our webpage. Submit electronic comments on the project webpage: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56481> by selecting the "Comment on Project" link in the "Get Connected" group at the right hand side of the project webpage. Put the project name in the subject line; attachments may be in the following formats: plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), Word (.doc, .docx), or portable document format (.pdf).

Written comments can be submitted by fax (541) 278-3730 or mailed to Katie Richardson, Umatilla National Forest, 72510 Coyote Road, Pendleton, OR 97801 or hand-delivered to 72510 Coyote Road, Pendleton, OR during normal business hours (8:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday-Friday, excluding holidays). Comments directed to other Forest staff and email comments containing viruses or malware will be rejected.

Sincerely,


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